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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Michael T. Maffeo upon the occasion of his designation as Knight of the Year by the Knights of Columbus on January 23, 2016

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Michael T. Maffeo upon the occasion of his designation as Knight of the Year by the Knights of Columbus, to be celebrated at its First Annual Knights of Columbus Recognition Dinner on Saturday, January 23, 2016, in the Gymnasium at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Syosset, New York; and

WHEREAS, On March 29, 1882, the Connecticut State Legislature officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society; today, the Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity;

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families; mutual aid and assistance is offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families, and social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among its members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Lindenhurst, New York, Michael T. Maffeo faithfully attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and both Catholic and Public Schools; after graduation, he earned his Bachelor's degrees in American History and Secondary Education from Adelphi University, Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Yearning to be a Social Studies Teacher, Michael T. Maffeo actively pursued employment in that field; since there were not many openings he decided to continue his education by receiving his Master's degree; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his advanced degree, Michael T. Maffeo relocated to Virginia, where he worked for a builder, and obtained a Real Estate License; after some time, he moved back to Long Island, and began teaching; and

WHEREAS, Ever since elementary school, Michael T. Maffeo had dreamt of becoming a Priest; in September of 1986, he entered the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception; after five years, including a Pastoral Year at Our Lady of the Snow in Blue Point, he was ordained a Priest in May of 1991; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Michael T. Maffeo's first assignment was St. Brigid's in Westbury, New York, where he served for five years; following that, he was assigned to St. Anthony of Padua in Rocky Point, New York, where he served for seven years; and

WHEREAS, During his last month in Rocky Point, Reverend Michael T. Maffeo was approached by the Personnel Director for the Diocese about becoming the Pastor of St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma, New York, a position he held for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Michael T. Maffeo then moved on to lead St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset, New York; today, he proudly and happily ministers to the good people of his congregation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Michael T. Maffeo upon the occasion of his designation as Knight of the Year by the Knights of Columbus on January 23, 2016;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Michael T. Maffeo.